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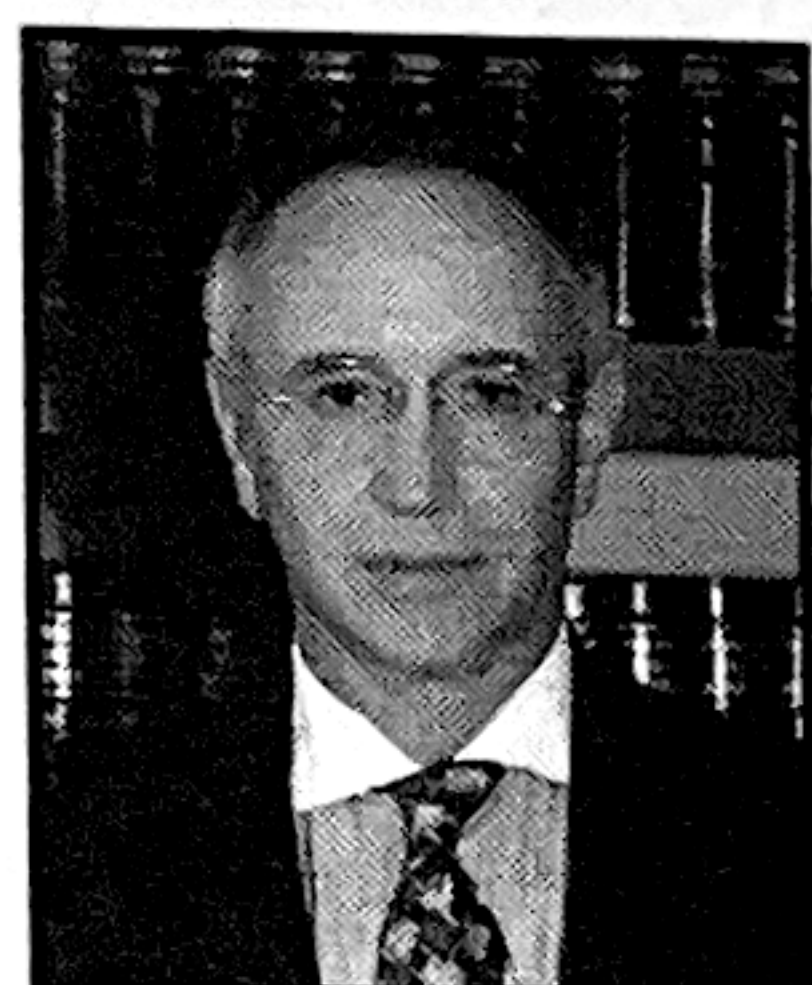


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## The Chair's Comments

By  
William Hopper



**A**dministrative law, perhaps more than any other facet of the law, touches us and our clients from top to bottom; from the simple act of your upwardly mobile teen-ager applying for a driver's license (heavens forbid!) to your client applying to one of the regulatory agencies for a license. No other body of law covers so many areas and affects so many lives.

Our section, like every other, faces the relentless challenge of defining, refining and explaining the regulatory framework and regulations, meeting our goals as a section, enticing new members to join and encouraging seasoned members to remain.

Few things work as well as unbridled passion for the task. Talking to prospective members or just colleagues in general about administrative law, what our section does and how it benefits those people is a good starting place. I encourage each of you to do that now. You will be surprised what a little soft sell will do. We, after all, are all salespeople, perhaps of a more refined product, but salespeople nevertheless.

One of my goals as your section chair, as you might guess, is to increase membership.

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## Legal Resources on the Internet — A Selective Guide

### Part II

By Patricia A. Langelier

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Part I of this article appeared in the previous edition of Administrative Lawyer and contained a brief overview of the Internet and provided suggestions for further reading. Part II contains suggestions for keeping up with new law-related Internet resources and provides recommendations of specific administrative law-related Internet resources. It concludes with information on potential new Web sites. For more detailed information about the Internet, the author suggests the "Local Government On The Internet" series published in Volume 61 of Popular Government.)*

### Current Awareness Services

**S**everal free services exist to help users keep up with new, law-related Internet sites. The most useful sites are *LAIR* and *Technology Update*. *LAIR* (The Legal Automation and Internet Review) is published sporadically by the staff of the Center for Computer-based Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library. *LAIR* is an excellent service providing pointers to developments and new resources within the legal automation marketplace and the Internet. To subscribe to *LAIR*, send an e-mail message (leaving the subject line blank) to: [majordomo@tarlton.law.utexas.edu](mailto:majordomo@tarlton.law.utexas.edu). Include in the body of the message the text "subscribe lair" and nothing else (omit the quotation marks). To read or search current or past issues of *LAIR* formatted for the Web, go to <http://www.law.utexas.edu/lair/lair.html>.

*Technology Update* (ABA Law Practice Management Section) contains the full text of Burgess Allison's excellent columns in *Law Practice Management*. It is available online at [http://grover.abanet.org/lpm/magazine/tu\\_index.html](http://grover.abanet.org/lpm/magazine/tu_index.html).

A new, experimental Web site at Cornell's Legal Information Institute that may prove useful is *BigEar*. *BigEar* monitors announcements of new services and

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## Internet Legal Resources

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features on e-mail-based law-related discussion lists and posts them to the Web site at <http://barratry.law.cornell.edu:5123/notify/buzz.html>.

### Electronic Guides to Internet Resources

Many Internet guides are available on the Internet to help users find the best sites for law and government. There are at least two advantages to using an online guide. Online guides are available to you at no cost, and they are updated periodically, so they may be more current than a printed source.

This first source is available both in hard copy and on the Internet. It is updated at least semi-annually. *The Legal List: Internet Desk Reference: Law-Related Resources on the Internet and Elsewhere*. v. 7.0, Fall 1995. (Erik J. Heels. Rochester, NY: Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1995. \$29.95) provides an extensive listing of all significant law-related resources on the Internet. It is also available via anonymous FTP: <ftp://ftp.lcp.com/pub/LegalList/legallist.txt> and [www: http://www.lcp.com](http://www.lcp.com). Users may subscribe to periodic updates of this list by sending an e-mail message to [listserv@lcp.com](mailto:listserv@lcp.com). Include the words "subscribe legal-list <your name>" in the body of the message.

*Internet Sources of Government Information* is a thorough listing of government resources on the Internet. Maintained by Blake Gumprecht at Temple University, this guide to Internet sources of government information was originally created for the students, faculty and staff of Temple University. The sources listed are intended to provide the simplest and clearest route known to the information described. The preferred source is often a Gopher source because of the ease of using the Gopher software. Often, however, there are several sources for the same information. It is available at: <gopher://marvel.loc.gov:70/00/federal/fedinfo/byagency/general/gumprecht> and on the Web at <http://www.lib.umich.edu/chhome.html>.

### Law-Related Mailing Lists

*LII Bulletin*, mentioned in the last issue, is a mailing list for the distribution of e-mail bulletins from the Legal Information Institute of Cornell Law School. Subscribers receive an e-mail bulletin containing the syllabi of the latest decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, with instructions on how to access those decisions in full-text. To subscribe to the *LII Bulletin*, send a request to: [listserv@fatty.law.cornell.edu](mailto:listserv@fatty.law.cornell.edu). Put the following in the body of the message: subscribe liibulletin <your name> address, phone.

*NEWLAWBOOKS-L* is another one-way only

mailing list. It is used for the distribution of announcements, reviews, and discussion of new law books. To subscribe to *NEWLAWBOOKS-L*, send a request to: [listserv@lawlib.wuacc.edu](mailto:listserv@lawlib.wuacc.edu). Put the following in the body of the message: subscribe *NEWLAWBOOKS-L* <your name>.

Mailing lists may also be used to stimulate discussion and information-sharing among a large number of people. Subscribers to these listservs can exchange program ideas and find solutions to problems. *Lawlists* provides a listing of one-way and discussion-type law-related mailing lists. Developed and maintained by Lyonette Louis-Jacques, University of Chicago, it is available at: <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/listserv.html>.

### Electronic Journals

While most periodicals are published in hard copy, some also have an online counterpart, which is either a duplicate of the paper copy or provides some portion of the original. Other periodicals appear only online, bypassing the print medium altogether.

*LawMarks* lists and provides links to 43 law journals at <http://www.iwc.com/entropy/marks/lj.html>. To find electronic journals on all topics, consult the extensive *Directories of Electronic Journals*, provided by the library of the University of California at San Diego. It is available at <http://gort.ucsd.edu/jj/ej/jdir.html>.

### Meta-Indexes

Meta-indexes attempt to be comprehensive in providing searchable links to all relevant sites on a topic. The best of them, listed below, keep up with the latest new and changed sites, and provide links in a logical, well-organized arrangement. Familiarize yourself with these sites and bookmark your favorites.

At *The Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School* site, legal topics are grouped by subject. LII's home page (<http://www.law.cornell.edu>) is one of the oldest and best Internet sites and it is one of the easiest sources to use for finding new Supreme Court decisions. This site also has a full version of the Uniform Commercial Code, recent laws of interest from state legislatures, and much more. It is available at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/topical.html> or by Gopher at: [gopher.law.cornell.edu\(port 70\) SelectU.S. Law: Primary Documents and Commentary/ Supreme Court Decisions](gopher.law.cornell.edu(port 70) SelectU.S. Law: Primary Documents and Commentary/ Supreme Court Decisions)

*Indiana University - The WWW Virtual Library - Law* has extensive legal resources organized at this site. Search for material by legal topic (constitutional law, copyright, etc.), type of source (treaty, legislation, etc.); connect to other legal meta-indexes or browse an alphabetical list of resources, and listings of law schools, libraries and law firms. It is available at <http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/lawindex.html> or

telnet://www@www.law.indiana.edu.

The *Meta-Index for Legal Research* site provides searchable indexes to do legal research on the Web. Both specifically legal and generic indexes are included, enabling you to search for judicial opinions, legislation, federal regulation, other legal sources and people in law. It is available at <http://www.gsu.edu/~lawadmn/lawform.html>.

*Washburn University School of Law - WashLaw WEB* is an outstanding, comprehensive site for legal information on the Internet. This site is worth exploring. The *Administrative Law* home page (<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/doclaw/admini5m.html#decisions>) at Washburn University points to: administrative decisions, regulatory agency Gophers and wwws, and rules and regulations. Other categories of legal resources at this site include: commercial/law related sites, directories (legal), federal law, foreign law, freenet, hytelnet, law firms, law journals, law library catalogs, law schools, legal associations, legal organizations, legal forms, Listservs (law-related), new law books (Nation-wide), paralegal law, publishers and library Associations, RefLaw, subject index- law (Follows AALS), state law. Find it at <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/was2.html>.

### Internet Search Engines

When you are researching an unknown topic or looking for more Internet resources on a subject, search engines help identify relevant sites. Some of the best search engines are listed below. Learn how to search efficiently and effectively. Read online help files that explain how to get the best results. Compare search results for different search engines to find one that works well for your subject interests.

To search 16 million Web pages by keyword, use *Alta Vista* at <http://altavista.digital.com/>. AltaVista provides an advanced query form which allows you to use Boolean logic, search for phrases, and restrict your results by date. *SavvySearch*, at <http://guaraldi.cs.colostate.edu:2000/> searches multiple Web indexes simultaneously, including Open Text, Yahoo, Lycos and WebCrawler. To search Web servers by geographic location, use *Virtual Tourist* at <http://www.xmission.com/~kinesava/webmap/home.htm>. Subject, title, and keyword searching are available when you use *Yahoo* at <http://www.yahoo.com/>.

### Online Library Catalogs

*AALLNET's List of Law Library Catalogs* is the most complete collection of law library catalogs. Directions for using each catalog are included. It is available at <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/lawcat/lawcat.html>.

### Other Notable Sites

The *House of Representatives Web Server* is a well-organized, easy-to-use site, especially for federal legal resources. It is one of two sites that provides the full text of pending legislation and Congressional testimony (the other is the Library of Congress's *Thomas* at <http://thomas.loc.gov>). The House site includes information about legislative process; schedule information; member directory documents listing the name, address and phone; organization and operations (House Rules and Manual); member, committee, and party organizations' published information, laws (including a searchable *U.S. Code* at <http://www.pls.com:8001/his/usc.html>); Law Library (including book reviews); visitor information (how to visit the House, Capitol Tour Guide Services, map of Capitol Hill, Around Washington, D.C. maps of Washington, D.C. Metro System; educa-

tional resources (*How Our Laws Are Made* and other documents including The Constitution of the United States); and empowering the citizen (including a searchable version of the *Code of Federal Regulations* at <http://www.pls.com:8001/his/cfr.html>). The House Web server is at <http://www.house.gov/Index.html>, or use the gopher at <gopher://gopher.house.gov>.

*State Government on the Net* provides pointers to state government home pages. This site divides the entries by branch of government, making it easy to find state legislative resources. Access from NCINFO or go directly to <http://www.piperinfo.com/~piper/state/states.html>.

The *Regulatory Affairs Information Home Page* provides a collection of links to various regulatory information and regulatory agency sites on the Internet, including FDA sites, FDA guidance documents, the *Federal Register*, U.S. laws, the U.S. Code, U.S. government, state government, U.S. CFR, court decisions, professional organizations, consultants, meetings, international affairs, etc. It is available at <http://www.nando.net/ads/ckbus/RAinfo/reglink1.htm>. This site is supported by CK Business Resources in Durham.

Produced by the Joyner Library at East Carolina University, the *North Carolina Periodicals Index* provides access to articles in North Carolina periodicals. Coverage for most titles began in January, 1992, although a limited amount of retrospective indexing has been accomplished since that time. An abstract, in some cases simply a sentence or phrase that reflects the content of the article, accompanies each entry. Find it at <http://fringe.lib.ecu.edu/Periodicals/scope.html>.

### On The Horizon

The North Carolina Supreme Court, the Local Government Commission and the Administrative Office of the Courts are in the process of developing Web sites. When they and other local, state and federal government sites become available, they will be linked to NCINFO so that it continues to serve as a convenient access point for North Carolina legal information. Please contact the author if you know of administrative and other law-related sites that are relevant for North Carolina. ♦

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